

1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10 further comprising assigning related tokens to one of the tokens to further define the one of the tokens.

5-7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10 wherein the identifying at least one token further comprises detecting a predetermined character that identifies at least one keyword as the at least one token.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method, performed by a search engine, comprising:

performing a background routine, during a first amount of time, including:

determining tokens that have a predetermined meaning and follow a predetermined format including predetermined keywords and identifiers to help improve query processing;

assigning related expressions to each of the tokens to define each of the tokens;

searching documents;

identifying occurrences of any of the related expressions for any of the tokens in any of the documents; and

indexing each of the documents having at least one of the related expressions for at least one of the tokens, corresponding to the at least one of the tokens; and

performing a foreground routine, during a second amount of time substantially less than the first amount of time, including:

receiving a search query;

identifying at least one token in the search query;

finding the at least one token in an index to identify documents having an occurrence of at least one of the related expressions for the at least one token, corresponding to the at least one token; and

providing information related to the documents.

11-14. (Canceled)